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**Subject:** FW: Response to Calif.'s initial finding UIC wells contain no oil waste contamination?

Please see the below from the Bakersfield Californian. He's looking for a comment on the preliminary findings.

It's my understanding that our stance is: "EPA is still awaiting additional information and documents and will determine next steps once all requested information has been received."

Please let me know if there is something else we can say on the below

Thanks,

Nahal

**From:** John Cox [mailto:jcox@bakersfield.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 03, 2014 1:22 PM  
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**Subject:** Response to Calif.'s initial finding UIC wells contain no oil waste contamination?

Good afternoon,

I'm writing a story this afternoon for Sunday's edition of The Bakersfield Californian about preliminary findings, reported to USEPA in a letter Sept. 15, that eight water wells located within one mile of UIC Class II disposal wells appear not to have contaminated by oil and gas waste materials.

Though preliminary, these are the first publicly released well tests we've seen. They appear to support the industry's claims such work poses no threat to groundwater. What would be the federal EPA's take on those initial results?

Thank you,

J